

CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION/ CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION FORM

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02-SHA-5

R11.0-
R17.5

02-4C401

Dist.-Co.-Rte. (or Local Agency)

P.M/P.M.

E.A. (State project)

Federal-Aid Project No. (Local project)/ Proj. No.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

(Briefly describe project, purpose, location, limits, right-of-way requirements, and activities involved.)

Caltrans and the Shasta County RTPA propose to add a 12-foot lane and a 10-foot shoulder in the median in both the southbound (SB) and northbound (NB) directions on Interstate 5 (I-5) in Redding. The two bridge structures at Cypress Avenue will be widened approximately 18 feet concurrent with the roadway widening. This section of I-5 from the Bonnyview Rd Interchange north to the I-5/SR 44 freeway to freeway interchange has the highest traffic volumes and the highest levels of congestion on Interstate 5 north of Woodland to the Oregon State line. The addition of lanes in each direction will improve operations, add capacity and improve safety by reducing congestion. All construction staging operations are planned to occur in the median area of I-5. No new Right of Way is anticipated. An approved borrow/disposal site is identified at PM R17.35 at the I-5 exit to Lake Boulevard (SR299).

CEQA COMPLIANCE (for State Projects only)

Based on an examination of this proposal, supporting information, and the following statements (See 14 CCR 15300 et seq.):

- If this project falls within exempt class 3, 4, 5, 6 or 11, it does not impact an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern where designated, precisely mapped and officially adopted pursuant to law.
- There will not be a significant cumulative effect by this project and successive projects of the same type in the same place, over time.
- There is not a reasonable possibility that the project will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances.
- This project does not damage a scenic resource within an officially designated state scenic highway.
- This project is not located on a site included on any list compiled pursuant to Govt. Code § 65962.5 ("Cortese List").
- This project does not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.

CALTRANS CEQA DETERMINATION (Check one)

Exempt by Statute. (PRC 21080[b]; 14 CCR 15260 et seq.)

Based on an examination of this proposal, supporting information, and the above statements, the project is:

Categorically Exempt. Class 1. (PRC 21084; 14 CCR 15300 et seq.)

Categorically Exempt. General Rule exemption. [This project does not fall within an exempt class, but it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity may have a significant effect on the environment (CCR 15061[b])[3]]

Tom Balkow

Phil Baker

Print Name: Environmental Branch Chief

Print Name: Project Manager/DLA Engineer

Signature

Date

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NEPA COMPLIANCE

In accordance with 23 CFR 771.117, and based on an examination of this proposal and supporting information, the State has determined that this project:

- does not individually or cumulatively have a significant impact on the environment as defined by NEPA and is excluded from the requirements to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) or Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), and
- has considered unusual circumstances pursuant to 23 CFR 771.117(b) (<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/hep/23cfr771.htm> - sec.771.117).

In non-attainment or maintenance areas for Federal air quality standards, the project is either exempt from all conformity requirements, or conformity analysis has been completed pursuant to 42 USC 7506(c) and 40 CFR 93.

CALTRANS NEPA DETERMINATION (Check one)

Section 6004: The State has been assigned, and hereby certifies that it has carried out, the responsibility to make this determination pursuant to Chapter 3 of Title 23, United States Code, Section 326 and a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) dated June 7, 2007, executed between the FHWA and the State. The State has determined that the project is a Categorical Exclusion under:

- 23 CFR 771.117(c): activity (c) ()
- 23 CFR 771.117(d): activity (d) ()
- Activity listed in the MOU between FHWA and the State

Section 6005: Based on an examination of this proposal and supporting information, the State has determined that the project is a CE under Section 6005 of 23 U.S.C. 327.

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Briefly list environmental commitments on continuation sheet. Reference additional information, as appropriate (e.g., air quality studies, documentation of conformity exemption, FHWA conformity determination if Section 6005 project; §106 commitments; §4(f); §7 results; Wetlands Finding; Floodplain Finding; additional studies; and design conditions). **Revised September 15, 2008**